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SUBJECT: BRITISH PRIME MINISTER DECRIES "OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE"

1. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS AND RADIO IN JAMAICA, ON
DEC 13 BRITISH PRIME MINISTER JAMES CALLAGHAN
WAS ASKED IN THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT TO OFFER AN ASSURANCE THAT
NO BRITISH INTELLIGENCE SERVICE HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN
EFFORTS TO INFLUENCE THE OUTCOME OF TODAY'S JAMAICAN
ELECTION. MR. CALLAGHAN REPORTEDLY STATED, "WE DO NOT
COMMENT ON SECURITY MATTERS OF THIS SORT." THE PRIME
MINISTER IS THEN REPORTED TO HAVE ADDED, "BUT I WOULD
REGARD IT AS VERY IMPROPER IF THERE WERE ANY FOREIGN
AGENCIES ATTEMPTING TO INFLUENCE THE ELECTIONS."

2. THE ACCOUNTS ALSO REPORT THAT LABOUR PARTY MP FRANK
HOOLEY STATED THAT THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS OF
ATTEMPTS TO DESTABILIZE THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN
JAMAICA "AS WAS DONE IN CHILE." MR. HOOLEY CHARACTERIZED
THE REPORTS AS "EXTREMELY DISTURBING."

3. COMMENT: MR. CALLAGHAN'S REFUSAL TO COMMENT ON
THE ACTIVITIES OF BRITISH SERVICES IS A MODEL
OF DISCRETION. HIS SUBSEQUENT REMARK WITH ITS UNFOR-
TUNATE USE OF THE TERM "ANY FOREIGN AGENCIES"

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